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REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Applicant believes new claims are not new matter. Support for the new claims are found in the specification and in original claims 1-16.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2228, under Order No. 022290.0123PTUS from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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